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REPORT OF THE SELECTMEN.

The Selectmen of Douglas would herewith respectfully submit their report of the expenses of the town, for the year ending March 1, 1883.

Orders have been drawn on the Treasurer of the Town to the amount of $13,705.04, for the following purposes:

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES

chargable to Contingent Appropriation.

TOWN CLERK.

T. H. Meek, services, 50.55, expenses,9.94—$60 49

TREASURER.

Asa Thayer, services, 1882, $70.00, expenses, $8.00, -	$78 00	
George Abbott, services and expenses, -	75 00	—153 00

SELECTMEN AND OVERSEERS OF POOR.

W. D. Jones, 1882, -	$60 00	
Suel Logee, 1882, -	60 00	
Jesse Chase, 1882, -	20 00	
William H. Loring, 1882,	125 00	
Orrin Chase, 1882, -	7 75	—272 75

W. D. Jones, -	$70 00	
William H. Loring, -	90 00	
Edwin Moore, -	60 00	
William Abbott, -	25 00	
George A. Gleason, -	15 00—	260 00

ASSESSORS.

Brigham Morse. -	$84 00	
S. W. Potter, -	62 50	
Edward B. Knapp, -	40 00—	186 50

SUPERINTENDENTS OF SCHOOLS.

A. F. Brown, 1882, -	$50 00	
E. C. Esten, -	22 00	
Frank D. Whipple, -	33 33	
N. W. Preston, -	33 33—	88 66

TRUANT OFFICER.

James W. Smith, 1882, -	$7 50

BRIDGE VIEWERS.

Brigham Morse, - -	$2 00

CONSTABLES.

Edward B. Knapp, 1882, -	$15 00	
Edwin H. Leaver,	10 10	
Edward B. Knapp,	4 50—	29 60

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Arthur Balcome, 1882, -	$7 00

AUDITOR.

John C. Morrill, 1882,	$2 00

TAX COLLECTOR.

N. W. Preston, - -		$130 00

SEXTON.

Edward Balcome, -		$37 00

LOCK-UP EXPENSES.

William H. Loring, wood and oil,		$6 00	
T. T. Potter & Son, " " "		2 20	
C. Emmons, care of tramps, for 1882, -	$10.05		
C. Emmons, care of tramps,	19.70—	29 75	
William A. Willis, whitewashing,		3 00	
A. F. Jones, wood,		2 50—	43 45

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

E. B. Knapp, repairs on engine and hose,	$25 85	
S. Rivers, repairs on engine and hose,	8 58	
Engine Company, as per vote of town,	250 00—	284 43

PRINTING.

C. J. Batcheller, reports, blanks, posters &c.,	$80 50	
C. J. Batcheller, printing blanks,	10 50—	91 00

LOVETT BRIDGE.

Jillson Brothers, lumber,	$176 85	
A. F. Jones, labor,	201 50	
Paul Poloquier, stone and labor,	25 60	
S. Rivers, iron work,	21 44	
N. S. Caswell, labor and services as committee,	11 60	
Brigham Morse, services as comm.,	10 00	
V. M. Aldrich, spikes.	6 63—	453 62

SUNDRIES.

Stationery and wood for Selectmen for 1882,		$10 49	
W. H. Loring, expenses on Geo. Dunn case,		2 00	
J. B. Sweet, watering place, 1882,	$5 00		
J. B. Sweet, watering place, 1883,	5 00	—10 00	
A. M. Hill, posts and rails at Mrs. Holman's,	7 32		
C. A. Balcome, labor putting up same,	11 30	—18 62	
W. H. Loring, mowing cemetery,		6 00	
John Jessome, teams for funerals of paupers,		3 00	
V. M. Aldrich, spikes &c.,		12 76	
A. F. Jones, coal for selectmens' office,		1 25	
Mrs. Ephriam White, tax reimbursed by vote of town, for 1881,		6 25	
W. D. Jones, freight paid on road scraper,		7 00	
S. Russell, stationery and postage for selectmen,		5 92	
S. Russell, books &c., for several school districts,		23 18	
S. W. Potter, appraising school district property,		2 50	
E. B. Knapp, appraising school district property, and use of team,		4 50	
Brigham Morse, appraising school district property,		2 50	
W. H. Loring, expenses to Millbury, on C. Balcome's case,		3 50	
Rev. J. C. Smith, services and expenses attending two pauper funerals,		4 00	—123 47
			$2,282 47

MILITARY AID.

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Arena E. Chapman, - -	$48 00

George A. Gleason,	$36 00
Hiram Ward,	54 00
Lucina P. Sibley,	48 00
George F. Marcy,	36 00
George Snow,	9 00
L. C. Belding,	72 00
Wellington Balcome and wife,	51 00
A. L. Buffington,	6 00
Alfred Snow,	24 00
	$384 00

MILITARY AID.

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Sylvester Chase,	$60 00
Chas. F. Balcome,	126 00
Gilbert L. Jillson,	48 00
Henry C. Lamson,	72 00
Charles C. Walls,	176 00
Cornelius Emmons,	60 00
Joseph White,	44 00
Theron H. Barton,	53 00
Thomas H. Snow,	16 00
Dorris B. Young,	4 00
	$659 00

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Dist. No. 1.	George E. Fairfield,			$36 32
" 2.	Orrin Chase,			33 00
" 3.	Potter M. Bates,			38 14
" 4.	Frank Chase,			45 75
" 5.	Charles W. Potter,			50 70
" 6.	J. M. Parker, 1882,	18 63		
	John Hilton,	250 50—		269 13
" 7.	N. G. Dudley,			46 47
" 8.	William J. Wellman,			37 30
" 9.	A. E. Chase,			61 09
" 10.	James Peters,			152 55
" 11.	Willard Whipple,			303 00
" 12.	Harvard Thompson,			39 18

Dis. No. 13.	E. W. Burlingame,		$25 77
" 14.	G. H. Dudley,		72 37
" 15.	Edward Balcome,		87 94
" 17.	N. S. Caswell,		76 85
" 18.	J. M. Rawson,		186 44
" 19.	Simon Rawson,		79 50
" 21.	O. W. Adams,		64 18
" 22.	Wellington Young,		45 15
" 23.	S. Rawson,		108 95
" 24.	Thomas Buxton,		26 22
" 25.	T. J. Kelley,		49 15
" 26.	Harvey Wakefield,		31 00
" 27.	George M. Wallis,		83 38
" 28.	E. S. Johnson,		96 08
" 29.	C. W. Allen,		63 05
Horace Batcheller, labor on Gilboa road,			100 00
do do "	Depot road,		344 66
do do "	sundry highways,		250 00
W. H. Loring, "	Depot road,		43 72
S. Rivers, for iron for culverts.			9 68
W. W. Brown, labor on Depot road,			2 00
William A. Dudley, repairing Webster road in '82,			1 50
Suel Logee, labor on highways with scraper, 1882,			6 00
do do "	"	33 00	
W. D. Jones, "	"	3 00	
J. M. Parker, "	"	18 75	
G. D. Adams "	"	26 05—	80 80
			$3,047 02

SCHOOL PURPOSES.

High School,	$954 97
Dist. No. 1.	333 25
" 2,	245 69
" 3,	639 21
" 4,	238 75
" 5,	10 00
" 6,	65 67
" 7,	247 21
" 8,	246 78
" 9,	622 57
" 10,	611 01
	$4,215 11

MAKING SNOW ROADS.

Dist. No. 12.	E. B. Paine, 1882,	-	$21 45
" 13.	B. M. Burlingame, 1882,	-	13 17
" 14.	G. H. Dudley,	-	5 77
" 22.	J. M. Aldrich,	-	3 00
" 23.	Simon Rawson,	-	2 60
" 26.	Harvey Wakefield, 1882,	-	7 10
" 28.	A. H. Brown, 1882,	-	12 00
			$65 09

PAUPERS AWAY FROM ALMSHOUSE.

Polly Watkins, 1882,	-	$191 00	
Joseph Lovely, "	-	35 02	
Nelson Lacourse, "	-	5 00	
Media Jarvis, "	-	19 00	
Mrs. Wm. Reed, "	-	9 50	
A. W. Chapman, "	-	39 00	
Mrs. Tricote, "	-	3 68	
Peter Hughes and family, 1882,	-	118 65	
Noel Dugas, 1882,	-	4 50	
Bethania Tiffts, "	-	8 19—	433 54
Eveline Sprague,	-	78 00	
Julius Gould,	-	212 00	
Bethania Tiffts,	-	30 00	
Mrs. Victor Short,	-	81 00	
Mary Green,	-	24 58	
Charles H. Balcome,	-	187 77	
Mrs. Rosana Conley,	-	55 00	
Edwin F. Andrews,	-	11 29	
Mrs. Maurice O'Brine and family,	-	64 00	
Oliver Allen and wife,	-	94 00	
Peter A. Hughes and family,	-	310 25	
Mrs. M. Martin,	-	40 00	
Louisa Jodoin,	-	250 90	
Mrs Clement Girard,	-	10 00	
Mrs. Warren Casey,	-	4 00	
George Snow,	-	24 43	
Hiram Johnson,	-	53 00	
A. W. Chapman,	-	34 00	
James Burpee,	-	1 00	
Mrs. Frank Lambert,	-	10 00	

Foster Skiff and wife,	$5 00	
Mrs. Alfred Duprey,	172 00	
Paul Brauliew,	4 00	
Edward Plant,	14 00	
Joseph Lovely,	19 00	
Fanny J. Balcome,	20 00	
Noel Dugas,	25 80	
Mary Leonard,	2 00	
Lester File,	15 00	
Nellie M. Buxton,	11 94	
Gardner Nickerson,	9 50	
Fred K. Buxton,	21 37	
Eliza Rooks, for coffin,	10 00	
George Casey,	10 00—	1,914 83
		$2,348 37

ALMSHOUSE EXPENSES.

N. S. Caswell, pump for Almshouse barn,		$9 00
Dr. Levi White, medical attendance, 1882,	6 25	
do do do " " 1883,	10 25—	16 50
George D. Adams, services as Superintendent,		349 67
do do one yoke oxen,		70 00
C. Stockwell, hay,		29 00
Frank Wellman, hay,		19 19
		$493 36

STATE PAUPERS.

Louis Lafoo,	$75 26
C. Emmons, taking J. Andrews and Peter Stromberry to Tewkesburry,	10 48
Mrs. Joseph Rivers and family,	54 20
Charles Gravlin,	70 68
	$210 62

RECAPITULATION.

Miscellaneous Expenses,	$2,282 47
Military Aid, (Chap. 301,)	384 00

Military Aid, (Chap. 252,) - -	$659 00
Highways and Bridges, - -	3,047 02
High and District Schools, - -	4,215 11
Making Snow Roads, - -	65 09
Paupers Away from Almshouse, - -	2,348 37
Almshouse Expenses, - -	493 36
State Paupers, - - -	210 62
	$13,705 04

W. D. JONES,
W. H. LORING,
EDWIN MOORE,
WILLIAM ABBOTT,
} Selectmen of Douglas.

JOHN C. MORRILL, Auditor.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

The Selectmen further report that they have settled with the Treasurer, and his account stands as follows :

GEORGE ABBOTT, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS.

1882.			Dr.
Mar.	1.	Cash on hand, -	$124 94
		Received of D. Darling, use of Lock-up,	50
"	4.	Borrowed of Thomas Buxton, .	150 00
		Received of W. H. Loring, gravel sold J. Smith, - -	9 00
		Received for Auctioneers' license,	2 00
"	25.	Borrowed of Whitinsville Nat'l Bank,	1,000 00
April	14.	Received of J. W. Putnam, executor,	53 00
"	28.	Borrowed of H. D. Wallis, -	300 00
"	29.	" Edwin Moore, -	1,000 00
May	4.	" Thomas Buxton,	150 00
"	29.	" Sarah Richardson,	602 55
		" Mary Walker, -	353 21
June	26.	" A. E. Kemp, -	1,500 00
		" O. W. Adams, -	550 00
July	6.	" J. M. Luke, -	1,000 00
Aug.	1.	" Whitinsville Nat'l Bank,	2,000 00
"	15.	Received of State Treasurer,	4 75
Nov.	27.	" E. H. Morse, Auctioneer's license, - -	2 00
Dec.	5.	Received of State Treasurer, Corporation tax, - -	62 54
		Received of State Treasurer, National Bank tax, - -	194 56

Dec.	5.	Received of State Treasurer, State aid,	$388 00
		" State Treasurer, support of poor and indigent soldiers,	225 00
1883.			
Jan'y	25.	Received of State Treasurer, School fund, - -	192 88
		Received of County Treasurer, Dog fund	190 66
Feb'y	26.	" J. W. Putnam, executor,	10 00
		" A. J. Thayer, use of Lock-up	50
"	27.	" State Treasurer, Corporation tax, -	8 02
		Received of State Treasurer, transportation of State paupers, -	2 70
		Received of A. L. Buffington, State aid returned, -	6 00
		Received of John Lawler, old plank and stringers. - -	8 00
Jan'y	23.	Received of N. W. Preston, on tax acct.,	18,234 68
			$28,325 49

GEORGE ABBOTT, TREASURER.

1882.			Cr.
May	29.	Paid note and interest to Sarah Richardson, - -	$602 55
		" note and interest to Mary Walker,	353 21
June	26.	" interest on Wm. Chase's note,	90 00
July	7.	" note and interest to estate of Chloe Dudley, -	436 35
Aug.	2.	" interest on note to Salem Savings Bank, - -	240 00
		" on note to Salem Savings Bank,	2,000 00
"	28.	" tax to Town of Northbridge,	2 32
Oct.	30.	" interest on S. Logee's note,	147 99
Sept.	27.	" note and interest to Whitinsville National Bank, -	1,025 00
Oct.	31.	" note and interest to Whitinsville National Bank,	2,025 83
"	12.	" L. S. Jone's note, -	1,215 57
Nov.	2.	" L. S. Jones, bal. on note and int.,	1,955 58
"	3.	" County tax, -	707 00
Dec.	5.	" State tax, - -	1,060 00
		" interest on note to Retus Walling,	65 70
1883.			
Jan'y	25.	" A. E. Kemp, note and interest,	1,540 21

Jan'y 25.	Paid	for recording deed,	$1 00
	"	abatement on poll and other taxes,	236 76
	"	inhabitants of Douglas tax,	16
	"	August interest allowed on taxes by vote of the Town	26 35
" 25.	"	September interest allowed on taxes by vote of the town,	5 34
" 29.	"	Interest to Salem Savings bank, interest on town note,	180 00
" 29.	"	N. W. Preston, collector, for deed of John Robbins land,	7 97
Feb. 14.	"	two town notes and interest to Thomas Buxton,	312 30
" 26.	"	A. Sherman, poll tax abatement;	2 00
" 26.	"	W. H. Lapham, " "	2 80
" 26.	"	367 orders drawn by selectmen,	13,705 04
1883.			
March 1.	By cash in Treasury,		378 46
			$28,325 49

All of which is respectfully submitted,

GEORGE ABBOTT, Treasurer.

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Note to Salem Savings Bank,	$6,000 00
Retus Walling,	1,095 00
William Chase,	2,000 00
Suel Logee,	2,000 00
do do	500 00
Henry D. Wallis,	300 00
E. Moore,	1,000 00
Sarah Richardson,	602 55
Mary Walker,	353 21
O. W. Adams,	550 00
James M. Luke,	1,000 00
March 1, 1883, interest on above notes, about	275 00
	$15,675 76
Assets of the Town,	6,486 82
	$9,188 94

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Due from Town of Milford,	$ 4 84
State Military Aid, Chapt. 301,	384 00
" " " Chapt. 252,	329 50
Newburyport, support of J. W. C. Pike,	193 72
Town of Palmer, aid to James Burpee,	6 50
Caleb Hill, cash received of Mary Green, a pauper,	10 00
State, support of State paupers,	210 62
Almshouse establishment,	3,000 00
Personal Property at Almshouse,	1,967 68

Cash in hands of Superintendent,	-	$1 50
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	- -	378 46
		$6,486 82

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OVERSEERS OF THE POOR.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1883.

GEORGE D. ADAMS, Superintendent.

DR.

To Personal Property at Almshouse, Mar. 1, 1882,	$1,883 30
Cash in hands of Superintendent,	13 53
Paid N. S. Cuswell, for pump,	9 00
" Dr. Levi White, medical attendance,	16 50
" C. Stockwell, for hay,	29 00
" Frank Wellman, for hay,	19 19
" Superintendent's salary,	349 67
" for one yoke of oxen,	70 00
	$2,390 19
Interest on Almshouse Real Estate,	180 00
	$2,570 19

CR.

By Personal Property at Almshouse, Mar. 1, 1883,	$1,967 68
Cash in hands of Superintendent,	1 50
	$1,969 18

Cost of supporting paupers at Almshouse for the year, including interest of $180.00, on real estate,	$601 01
Exclusive of interest on real estate,	421 01
Whole number of weeks board of paupers at Almshouse, including tramps,	364
Average cost per week, including interest,	$1 65
" " " exclusive of interest,	1 15

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. D. JONES.
W. H. LORING,
EDWIN MOORE,
WILLIAM ABBOTT,
} Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN C. MORRILL, Auditor,

REPORT

OF

A. F. JONES, AGENT,

FOR THE DEVISE OF MOSES WALLIS,

TO THE

TOWN OF DOUGLAS

FOR THE

Year ending March 1, 1883.

The Agent charges himself with cash and notes as follows:

1882.

Mar.	1.	Cash - - -	$ 606 85
		Notes, - -	12,368 00
		Accrued interest due on notes, -	613 53
			$13,588 38
Mar.	2.	Interest on David Wallis note,	12 00
"	4.	" Phebe Keith "	6 00
"	7.	" S. H. Starr "	6 00

Mar.	15.	Interest on Lovell Southwick note,	$30 00
"	25.	" Rufus P. Johnson "	24 00
Apr.	17.	Principal in part, Patrick Dermody note,	100 00
"	20.	" and int., D. B. Young's 2 notes,	419 91
"	24.	Interest on Allen Buxton note,	12 00
May	2.	" John M. Putnam "	7 50
"	6.	" Matilda Rivers "	24 00
"	17.	" Wm. M. Putnam "	25 50
June	6.	" Chandler Titus "	8 10
"	6.	" Phebe Young "	20 00
"	15.	" Isaac Desotelle "	15 00
"	25.	" Philamin Mercier "	30 00
"	30.	" Phebe Young "	10 00
"	30.	" Mary Briggs "	12 00
July	8.	" Phebe Johnson "	39 96
"	10.	" Amos A. Humes "	21 00
"	19.	" Amable Signett "	24 00
"	22.	" James Wixtead "	12 00
Aug.	5.	" Michael Roberts "	30 00
"	5.	" Margaret Stearns "	18 00
"	8.	" O. N. Thurber "	8 00
"	18.	" R. M. Peters, "	10 00
Sep.	12.	Principal and int. on Jonas Batcheller note,	316 60
"	15.	Interest on O. N. Thurber note,	5 00
"	30.	Principal and int. on Allen Buxton note,	205 33
Oct.	6.	Interest on Potter M. Bates note,	9 00
"	16.	" Chandler Titus "	20 40
Nov.	22.	" Dema A. Alllen "	15 00
Dec.	25.	" Joel Glover "	12 00
1883.			
Jan.	26.	" James McCormick note	42 00
"	26.	" do do "	18 00
"	26.	" A. F. Brown note,	30 00
"	26.	" Alvin H. Brown "	30 00
"	31.	" Albert Whipple "	18 60
Feb.	3.	" Chas. H. Hilton note,	12 00
"	3.	" Simon P. Rawson "	30 00
"	15.	Principal and interest on David Wallis note,	211 43
"	22.	Interest on Louisa Jarvis note,	6 00
"	22.	" Theron H. Barton note,	12 00
"	23.	" Mary A. Willis "	30 00
			$15,536 71

A. F. JONES, AGT. MOSES WALLIS DEVISE.

1882.			Cr.
Apr.	20.	Paid for discharging two mortgages,	$ 50
"	22.	" appraisers,	5 50
"	22.	Loaned Mitchel Auger,	300 00
May	6.	" Charles A. Stearnes,	300 00
"	6.	Paid for recording mortgage,	1 00
"	6.	" appraisers,	2 00
June	26.	" "	3 00
"	26.	Loaned Mary Murphy,	500 00
"	26.	Paid for recording mortgage,	1 00
Aug.	31.	" tax on the Devise,	215 24
Sep.	12.	" discharging mortgage,	50
"	30.	" " "	25
Oct.	31.	Loaned Alfred Lebeau,	200 00
"	31.	Paid appraisers,	1 50
"	31.	" for recording mortgage,	1 00
1883.			
Feb.	15.	" dicharging mortgage,	25
Mar.	1.	" services of Agent for the year,	60 00
			$1,591 74

NOTES DUE THE TOWN MARCH 1, 1883.

Date of Note.	Name.	Accrued Int.	Prin.
Dec. 2, 1854.	Joel Glover,	$2 97	$200 00
May 18, 1857.	Ira T. Robbins,	4 70	150 00
Nov. 23, 1859.	A. F. Brown,	8 08	500 00
Dec. 4, 1866.	James Wixtead,	23 00	200 00
Mar. 1, 1867.	John M. Putnam,	6 37	125 00
May 1, 1867.	Albert Whipple,	15 50	310 00
Oct. 16, 1867.	Potter M. Bates,	3 35	150 00
May 21, 1868.	Charles F. Rawson,	9 30	200 00
Feb. 21, 1869.	Simon P. Rawson,	30 83	500 00
Apr. 24, 1869.	O. N. Thurber,	18 80	300 00
June 17, 1869.	Chandler Titus,	7 52	340 00
Mar. 2, 1870.	Phebe Keith,	5 97	100 00
" 26, 1870.	Rufus P. Johnson,	22 27	400 00
Apr. 21, 1870.	James Wixtead,	22 30	200 00
" 1, 1871.	Margaret Stearnes,	16 50	300 00

May 8, 1872.	William M. Putnam,	$20 69	$425 00
Aug. 21, 1872.	Patrick Dermody,	10 13	200 00
May 13, 1874.	T. H. Barton,	9 56	200 00
Oct. 19, 1874.	Chandler Titus,	6 01	135 00
" 24, 1874.	Lovell Southwick,	10 50	500 00
July 7, 1875.	James McCormick,	13 59	350 00
June 14, 1876.	Isaac Desotelle,	10 66	250 00
July 1, 1876.	Alvin H. Brown,	20 00	500 00
Apr. 12, 1877.	Amos A. Hume,	18 55	350 00
May 1, 1878.	J. & M. Rivers,	20 00	400 00
June 19, 1878.	Philamin Mercier,	20 92	500 00
Aug. 19, 1878.	R. M. Peters,	7 95	250 00
Jan. 23, 1879.	Louisa Jarvis,	62	100 00
May 27, 1879.	Mary Briggs,	9 10	200 00
June 25, 1879.	Amable Signett,	16 33	400 00
July 7, 1879.	Michael Roberts,	19 42	500 00
Apr. 19, 1880.	Phebe E. Johnson,	17 26	333 00
" 22, 1880.	Phebe Young,	25 67	500 00
Dec. 13, 1880.	Dema Allen,	18 21	250 00
Mar. 5, 1881.	S. H. Starr,	5 92	100 00
July 22, 1881.	Mary J. Willis,	18 17	500 00
Nov. 4, 1881.	Charles H. Hilton,	3 87	200 00
Apr. 22, 1882.	Mitchel Auger,	15 40	300 00
May 6, 1882.	Charles A. Stearns,	14 70	300 00
June 26, 1882.	Mary J. Murphy,	20 33	500 00
Oct. 31, 1882.	Alfred Lebau,	4 00	200 00
Jan. 8, 1879.	Mary E Arnold,	3 38	50 00
		$558 40	$12,468 00

Notes due the Town March 1, 1882,	$12,468 00
Accrued interest,	558 40
Cash in hands of Agent,	963 44
Value of Devise,	$13,989 84
Net gain for the year,	$401 46

All of which is respectfully submitted,

A. F. JONES, Agent.

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OF THE

DOUGLAS FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

DORRIS T. REYNOLDS, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF DOUGLAS.

1882.				DR.
June 20.	Cash in Treasury,	$58 73		
Sept. 1.	To received for fines and catalogues, of Librarian,	7 00		
1883.				
Mar. 1.	To received for fines and catalogues, of Librarian,	7 21—	$72 94	
1882.	CR.			
June 1.	Paid Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	$9 38		
Sept. 1.	" Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	9 38		
Dec. 1.	" Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	9 38		
1883.				
Feb. 28.	" E. T. Thayer, for moving books,	1 00		
Mar. 7.	" C. J. Batcheller, 500 addendas to catalogues,	2 50		

Mar. 7.	Paid Mrs. A. L. Buffington, as Librarian,	$9 38—	$41 02
Mar 1.	Cash in hands of Treasurer,		$31 92

DORRIS T. REYNOLDS, Treasurer.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN.

Whole no. of books in Free Public Library,		807
" " issued from April 5, 1882, to March 1, 1883,		5,176
Average number of books issued per week,		110+
Amount of fines due from April 5, 1882, to March 1, 1883,	$17 52	
Balance of fines due Mar. 8, 1882,	4 95	
Whole amount of fines due.		$22 47
Amount collected for fines,	12 81	
" received from sale of catalogues,	1 40	
Paid over to Treasurer,	$14 21	
Amount of fines collected,		12 81
Balance due March 1, 1883,		$9 66

MRS. A. L. BUFFINGTON, Librarian.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

BIRTHS.

Number recorded in 1882, - -		54
males, - -	26	
females, - -	28—	54
children of native parentage, -	12	
" foreign "	42—	54

MARRIAGES.

Number of marriages recorded, - -		31
Parties resident in Douglas, -	43	
" " elsewhere, -	19—	62
First marriage, - -	59	
Second " - -	3—	62
Average age of groom, - -		25
" " brides, - -		30½
Native born, -	40	
Foreign " - -	22—	62

DEATHS.

Number males recorded, -	32	
" females " - -	22—	54
Average age, - -		22½
Number of persons eighty and above, -		3
" " between seventy and eighty,		2
" " " sixty and seventy,		2

DOGS LICENSED.

Males, 100 @ $2 00, -	$200 00	
Females, 8 @ 5 00, -	40 00	
		$240 00

T. H. MEEK, Town Clerk.

LIST OF JURORS,

SELECTED BY THE SELECTMEN FOR THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE TOWN, MARCH 1, 1883.

William Abbott.
George Abbott.
James Fred Brown.
Albert Butler.
Francisco Bowen.
Jesse Chase.
William L. Church.
Arthur J. Dudley.
Edwin C. Esten.
Nelson Emmons.
Cornelius Emmons.
George E. Fairfield.
Aaron M. Hill.
Milton Humes,
Aaron F. Jones.
William D. Jones.
Collins Keith.
Marcus M. Luther.
Brigham Morse.
Edwin Moore.
Edgar C. Parker.
James M. Parker.
Stukley Potter.
Reuben Place.
John M. Rawson.
Joseph A. Richardson.
John Robbins.
Suel Logee,
Charles A. Whipple.
Julius D. Whipple.

W. D. JONES.
W. H. LORING,
EDWIN MOORE,
WILLIAM ABBOTT, } Selectmen of Douglas.

Douglas, March 3, 1883.

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

WORCESTER, SS.

To either the Constables of the Town of Douglas, in the County of Worcester, Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

You are directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Douglas, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet in the Town Hall, in said Douglas, on Monday, the nineteenth day of March, inst., at ten o'clock, in the forenoon; then and there to act on the following articles:

ART. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose all necessary Town officers for the ensuing year, including an Agent and three Appraisers on the Devise of Moses Wallis, to the inhabitants of Douglas; three School Committee for three years; two Trustees of the Public Library, for three years each, and one for two years to fill a vacancy.

ART. 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers, and act thereon.

ART. 4. To raise by tax, and appropriate, such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of the Poor, of Schools, for paying the several school districts for their property taken by the town, for repairing school houses, building and repairing of Highways and Bridges, and for the payment of debts and contingent expenses for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To determine the manner of repiring Highways and Bridges the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Collector of taxes, for 1883, to collect interest on all taxes not paid at a specified time, and to fix said time and rate of interest;

also to see if the Town will vote to allow interest on all taxes paid before said time, and fix the rate thereof.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will give to the Collector of taxes the same authority that a Town Treasurer has when Collector.

ART. 8. To determine the time when the poll and other taxes shall be collected.

ART. 9. To act upon the list of Jurors, reported by the Selectmen.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to borrow such sums of money as may be necessary for the year ensuing.

ART. 11. To see what use the town will make of the Dog fund, so called, the ensuing year.

ART. 12. Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors, in this town ?

ART. 13. To see if the Town will, by its vote or otherwise, ask the Legislature to extend to women who are citizens the right to hold Town offices and to vote in town affairs on the same terms as male citizens.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will vote an appropriation of one hundred dollars to the Grand Army Post, 137, for Memorial day purposes for the current year.

ART. 15. To hear the report of any outstanding committee and act thereon.

ART. 16. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a notice served on the Selectmen, by Byron A. Stockwell.

ART. 17. To see what compensation the Town will vote to allow James Peters, for injuries received on highway in his district.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will make a special appropriation for repairing the Depot road.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will vote to have three Road Commissioners to repair the Highways the ensuing year, or make any change in the manner of repairing the same.

ART. 20. To see of what number the acting superintending school committee shall consist the current year.

ART. 21. To see what compensation the Superintending school committee shall receive, including the enumeration of scholars the coming year.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will authorize its Treasurer to bond the Town debt.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to buy 500 feet of hose for the Fire Engine.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to pay the members of the Fire Company the sum of three dollars per year for their services, commencing April 1, 1883, and the said year to end April 1, 1884, and no member to draw the above sum until he has served his full year, and at the end of said year, all fines due the said Company shall be deducted from said three dollars, the said three dollars to be drawn on the order of the Foreman of the company.

Art. 25. To see what action the Town will take in regard to an action brought against the town by A. F. Brown, in favor of Michael Roberts.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to recind the vote passed at the Annual March meeting, 1882, under Article 39 of the warrant of said meeting, whereby the town voted "That the incoming Town Agent be instructed to collect the sum of Fifty dollars from the Superintendent of Schools for the past year, if it can be done without cost," also to see if the town will vote to expunge said article from the Town Record.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, at the Post Office in East Douglas, at the Meeting House, at Douglas Center, and at the Tavern House of William Jepherson, so called, in South Douglas, ten days, at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands, this second day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighty-three.

(Signed),

W. D. JONES.
W. H. LORING,
EDWIN MOORE,
WILLIAM ABBOTT,
} Selectmen of Douglas.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

School Committee

OF THE

Town of Douglas,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

MARCH 1, 1883.

PRESS OF
CHARLES J. BATCHELLER,
EAST DOUGLAS, MASS.
1883.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

1882–3.

LEVI WHITE, M. D.,	Term	expires	March 1,	1883
EDWIN C. ESTEN,	"	"	"	1883
WILLIAM H. TAFT,	"	"	"	1883
WILLIAM D. JONES,	"	"	"	1884
FRANCIS D. WHIPPLE,	"	"	"	1884
CHARLES S. CASWELL,	"	"	"	1884
CHARLES W. POTTER,	"	"	"	1885
LUKE C. KEITH,	"	"	"	1885
N. W. PRESTON,	"	"	"	1885

Organized, { N. W. PRESTON, Chairman.
L. C. KEITH, Clerk.

N. W. PRESTON,
F. D. WHIPPLE,
E. C. ESTEN, } Superintending Committee.

L. C. KEITH,
E. C. ESTEN, } Truant Officers.

TEACHERS:

A. H. K. Blood.
Abbie M. Lapham.
Cora M. Dudley.
Mary J. Chapman.
Ellla M. Keith.
Edna F. Caouette.
Emily F. Blackmar.
Mary F. Jones.
Hattie Parker.
Ida M. Johnson.
Emma J. Willis.
M. Josie Loring.
Kate L Simmons.
Alice Chapin.
Lizzie Johnson.
Emma J. Jefferson.
Eunice B. Brown.

STATISTICS.

Whole number of children in town May 1, 1882, between the ages of 5 and 15 years,		495
Whole number attending school during the year, of all ages,		408
Average daily attendance in all the schools,		291
Whole number attending school under 5 yrs. of age,		14
" " " " over 15 " "		28
" " " " between the ages of 8 and 14 years,		234
Aggregate of months all the schools have been kept during the year,		97
Average number of months the schools have been kept during the year		$8\frac{1}{12}$
Number of female teachers,		16
Average wages paid female teachers per month,		$32.73
Appropriation for district schools by the town, March, 1882:	$3,000 00	
Balance unexpended last year,	801 91	
State School Fund,	192 88	
Town School Fund, (interest,)	56 48	
Total,		$4,051 27

EXPENSE OF DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

Teachers' wages,	$2,878 00
Fuel, care of rooms, crayon and ink,	313 68
Books for poor children in Dist. No. 3, by Mr. Whipple,	6 56
Paid S. P. Rawson, in June, for transporting 3 scholars,	30 00

Joseph Young, in June for transporting 2 scholars,	20 00	
P. M. Bates, in June, for transporting 1 scholar,	10 00	
Town of Uxbridge, for tuition of S. P. Rawson's three children, in fall and winter,	15 67	
		3,273 91
Balance unexpended March 1883,		$777 36

HIGH SCHOOL.

Appropriation March, 1882,	$900 00	
Balance unexpended last year,	139 44	
		$1,039 44
Teacher's salary,	$720 00	
Rent of Citizens' hall,	100 00	
Fuel, crayon, ink and care of room,	55 17	
Printing,	16 85	
		$892 02
Balance unexpended March 1, 1883,		$147 42
High School in 1881 cost the town, for 36 weeks,	$1,075 25	
For 36 weeks in 1882, cost only	892 02	
Saving to the town in one year,		$183 23

HIGH SCHOOL.

Teacher,—A. H. K. Blood, Quincy, Mass.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	12	13
Wages per week,	$20	$20	$20
Whole number of scholars,	35	29	26
Average attendance,	32	27	25

DISTRICT SCHOOLS.

DISTLICT NO. 1.

Teacher,—ABBIE M. LAPHAM.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	10
Wages per week,	$9	$9	$10
Whole number of scholars,	36	39	29
Average attendance,	23	30	24

Total Expense, $335.02.

Prudential Committee,—C. WINDSOR BROWN.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Teachers,— { CORA M. DUDLEY.
M. J. CHAPMAN, 3 weeks.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	10
Wages per week,	$6	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	10	16	15
Average attendance,	9	14	13

Total Expense, $244.69.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Teachers,— { ELLA M. KEITH,
EDNA F. CAOUETTE,

PRIMARY.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	10
Wages per week,	$9	$9	$9
Whole number of scholars,	37	44	51
Average attendance,	32	38	43

INTERMEDIATE.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	10
Wages per week,	$9	$9	$9
Whole number of scholars,	28	26	26
Average attendance,	21	21	23

Total Expense, $638.90.

Prudential Committee, ELIJAH B. PAINE.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Teacher,—EMILY F. BLACKMAR.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	10
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	10	9	11
Average attendance,	9	7	10

Total Expense, $238.75.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Teachers— { MARY F. JONES.
EMMA J. JEFFERSON.

	SPRING.	EALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks.	10	12	10
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	21	21	18
Average attendance,	18	17	44

Total Expense, $247.21.

Prudential Committee,—REUBEN A. PLACE.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Teachers, { Hattie A. Parker.
Ida M. Johnson,
Emma J. Willis.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	10
Wages per week,	$7	$7	$7
Whole number of scholars,	15	12	12
Average attendance,	12	9	9

Total Expense, $247.24.

Prudential Committee, Harford Thompson.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Teachers— { M. Josie Loring.
Kate L. Simmons.

PRIMARY.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	10
Wages per week,	$9	$9	$9
Whole number of scholars,	50	62	51
Average attendance,	42	53	42

INTERMEDIATE.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	10
Wages per week,	$9	$9	$9
Whole number of scholars,	32	28	25
Average attendance,	27	23	22

Total Expense, $627.40.

Prudential Committee, Stillman Russell.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Teachers,— { Alice Chapin,
Lizzie Johnson,
Eunice B. Brown.

PRIMARY.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	11	10
Wages per week,	$8	$8.50	$9
Whole number of scholars,	56	63	46
Average attendance,	34	35	32

INTERMEDIATE.

	SPRING.	FALL.	WINTER.
Length of school in weeks,	11	10	10
Wages per week,	$8	$8.50	$9
Whole number of scholars,	30	30	22
Average attendance,	24	22	21

Total Expense, $612.47.

Prudential Committee, Alvin H. Brown.

PRIVATE FRENCH SCHOOL.

Teacher,—H. V. Giard.

Number of scholars, 50. Tuition received, $600 00
Length of school, 52 weeks.

GENERAL REMARKS.

Mr. Edwin C. Esten has had full care of schools Nos. 1, 2, 4 and 8; Mr. Frank D. Whipple of Nos. 3, 7 and 10; Mr. N. W. Preston, of No. 9 and the High School.

Mr. E. C. Esten makes the following remarks:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Teacher,—ABBIE M. LAPHAM.

This school has been under the care of one teacher throughout the year, and the progress made cannot fail to gratify parents, scholars and teacher. During the spring term the average attendance was low on account of the whooping cough of which there were several cases. The entire year of this school was a successful one.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Teachers— { CORA DUDLEY, MARY J. CHAPMAN.

The school made great progress in all branches. Miss Dudley had charge of the school during the year with the exception of the latter part of winter term, when sickness caused her to resign her charge of the school, regretted alike by parents and pupils. The term was finished by Miss Chapman, an old teacher, whose successful career as a teacher needs no comment.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Teacher,—EMILY M. BLACKMAR.

There was no change in teachers during the year. Mrs. Blackmar fully sustained her reputation as a teacher by the advance made in all the different branches.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Teachers— HATTIE A. PARKER, Spring Term.
IDA M. JOHNSON, Fall Term.
EMMA J. WILLIS, Winter Term.

The several teachers strove hard for the advancement of the scholars under their charge. The co-operation of the parents with the teacher is of the greatest importance in order that the school may be a successful one.

A new school room is needed in this district and we trust that some steps will be taken by which the health and comfort of pupils attending this school may receive more attention than at present.

Mr. F. D. Whipple remarks as follows :

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Ella Keith has presided over the Intermediate department of this school the entire year, and has given great satisfaction to both parents and children. As expected, the school was prosperous and gave evidence of accurate and thorough instruction.

PRIMARY.

This department has been under the very efficient care of Miss Edna F. Caouette for the last three years, who has brought it to a very high degree of perfection ; and we sincerely regret her resignation at the close of the Winter term.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

The Spring and Fall terms were taught by Miss Mary F. Jones, an experienced and successful teacher.

The Winter term was taught by Miss Emma J. Jefferson, a graduate of our High School, with credit to herself and profit to her pupils. This was her first experience in teaching, yet she entered most heartily into the most modern and most progressive methods of teaching and closed the Winter term with marked success.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

The Spring term of school in this district was taught by Miss Alice Chapin. The Fall and Winter terms by Lizzie J. Johnson, whose qualifications and experience render her a superior teacher. Her energetic and untiring efforts to promote the advancement of her pupils, gained the approval of parents and committee.

PRIMARY.

This department was under the instruction of Miss Eunice B. Brown the entire year. Commendable progress was made by the scholars in all the branches of study. Favorable mention should be made of the oral instruction given by Miss Brown.

Without entering upon any elaborate discussion, your Committee would say that they see no improvement to the present course of study, which is the only one practicable, with the means and advantages at our command in the common schools; but new methods of teaching the same studies are constantly being advanced, and we should adopt every improvement possible. The old fashion of spelling orally is almost discontinued in our schools, being used only by a few classes in the primary department, which have not learned to write; the consequence is, very few leave the public schools without becoming good spellers. Greater use is made of the blackboard than formerly. In comparing these customs with the old ways, we can see great advancement in the methods of teaching.

Another step in the right direction, and one which needs to

be practised more extensively in our schools, is striving to get all the information possible from every source within their reach in connection with the subjects treated upon in the text-books ; and where principles are involved, to apply them to practical life. Different authors treat the same subject differently, and it broadens the intellect, and gives a wider scope of information to learn from different books on the same subject. As the world progresses, ideas and customs are changed and the books of olden times would not do for our use at the present day. The English language is all the time increasing, and it is only the latest editions of Webster's and Worcester's dictionaries that have all the new coined words ; and in these days of newspapers and magazines, it would be invidious for any one to be held up as a model of composition, as in the days of Addison in England and Webster in America.

Text books are constantly being improved, and we think the best are none too good for our scholars, as we want them to have every advantage possible to get a good education.

Few repairs and improvements have been made this year to the school houses and their grounds, consequently more will be needed the coming year to keep them in good condition. Several of them will need painting. and most of them need more or less repairs.

We are of the number who believe that a careful and conscientious supervision of the schools is one of the necessities of the day, and therefore your committee have endeavored to perform their whole duty in this respect. We feel that the parents should not leave it all for the committee to do, but visit the schools themselves, and to aid and encourage the teacher in her labors. We think the teachers as a whole have *tried* to do their duty ; where they have succeeded we should continue to employ them, but if they have failed, they should be discharged. There should be no namby-pambyism in this matter. We know some scholars are slow to show the labors of a teacher, but if they are faithful, a good result will come at last, and be as great a delight to them as the eclipse was to the man who first predicted one. We can see in the material world, the immediate result of our labors, but in the schools the effect upon the mind cannot be measured. If we cannot fit our scholars in the public schools to enter at once any vocation in life, we can lay a strong foundation to build upon and develop the faculties of the mind, so that every position in life may be filled by them. Those only attain to greatness who continue to be students all their lives, and have ever been willing to work hard to gain knowledge.

We wish that all our scholars could realize this and would improve every opportunity offered them to learn. Time never stops; and we must remember,

"The mill will never grind,
With the water that has passed."

HIGH SCHOOL.

Last April we found only thirteen scholars remaining in our High School, which was very much smaller number than had ever been the case at any previous time since this town had maintained a High School. We admitted eighteen of the best district scholars who applied, and with a few post graduates, who remained, the spring term, numbered thirty-five.

Mr. A. H. K. Blood, of Quincy, Mass, who had previously had charge of the Walpole High School, for six consecutive years, was employed to come here. He has maintained good discipline through the year: has proved himself abundantly qualified to teach all the branches required. His winning ways and manners have been very acceptable to our pupils. In short, we have been well satisfied with our High School through the whole year,—which has cost $183.23 less than the previous year. The school has closed with twenty-six pupils. As none of the oldest scholars have completed the course, no diplomas were awarded this Spring.

In our opinion, our successors in office should, in April, admit at least 15 to 18 new scholars into the High School, so as to keep the number up to 40; and that the whole school should make up their minds to remain in this school full four years or more.

A class in Botany was organized in the Summer, and a French class in the Fall, both of which done well.

Misses Loring and Simmons both kept good schools through the whole year, in District No. 9.

N. W. PRESTON,
F. D. WHIPPLE,
E. C. ESTEN,
} Superintending Committee.

Douglas, March 3, 1883.